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SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY BE CHANGED

There Is Big Desire to Make
the Fractional District
More Compact.

WILL TRY TO GET SCHOOL SITE

School Ground Which Board was
Authorized to Purchase May
be Brought In.

It is very probable that within a short time the fractional school district No. 1 of Pine River and Arcadia, in which the city of Alma is located, will be changed greatly, if the various township boards interested can be interested as to the needs of Alma.

To the east of the present district the board is desirous of adding considerable territory and taking in all that lies between the Fitzgerald road and the present eastern limit of the school district.

It is also probable that other portions of the district will be dropped, so that it will more nearly conform with the law, which says that "... and be in as compact a form as may be." In several cases, the school district has been extended to take in various farms and leave out others, so that the limits of the district do not make the district in as compact a form as possible. Rather does it resemble a congressional district, Gerymandered in the neatest possible fashion.

It is owing to this and nothing more, that the site chosen for a new school by the board recently, is not within the school district. Both north and south of the site, land as far east as this proposed site is, is within the school district. Yet because of a whim in someone years ago, this one particular spot is not in the district. Had the school district been carved out right, when it was carved the last time, this spot would have been within the district and would be now saving a great deal of trouble and worry.

The township board of Arcadia, it is understood, has been invited to confer with the local school board in regard to a means of straightening out the tangle, so that the proposed site may be purchased, if it can be brought into the school district. It is hardly thought that there will be any great difficulty over the matter. Two portions of the district in Arcadia may also be dropped.

It is probable that the Pine River township board will soon receive an invitation to confer with the local school board also in view of getting some tangles straightened out. The St. Louis school district for instance, comes clear to the Bridge street bridge in Alma, and in one place takes in territory on this side of the river, just east of the bridge. This must be changed and brought into the local district if the fractional district No. 1, Pine River and Arcadia is to be in as compact a form as may be. Also north of the city, the school district limits are extended to take in two farms, and then drop back again.

While the school board is at the proposition it would be well to clean the matter up entirely, and get the district limits the way that they should be. It may save trouble in future years. However, the matter is in the hands of the board, to do that which they think best, and they will work out the problem as best they can.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

College Girls Form Club and Will
Give Entertainments.

A girls glee club at Alma college is in the coming thing, and while the young ladies will not make a grand tour of the state, as will the men's glee club, it will without doubt prove as popular around Alma as the men's glee club, which has been spreading the reputation of Alma for some years past.

It is expected that during the spring months that the young ladies glee club will give an entertainment here in Alma, and they will also make appearances in neighboring cities and towns, but it is understood that the ladies are not to enjoy a lengthy trip with their musical organization. Trips a day in length will be the longest. Roll call by quotations.

BUYS AN INTEREST

Leo McCarty of this city has purchased a half interest in the Button & Hamilton barber shop. McCarty purchased the half interest owned by Charles Button, who has been in the west for the past several months for his health. For the past year and a half Mr. McCarty has been working at the Ray & Hayward barber shop.

GET FAMOUS LINE

The DeLuxe confectionery store in this city has added two famous lines of candy for the Christmas trade. One is the famous line of Apollo chocolates, and the other the famous Booth line of chocolates. Neither of these lines have been sold in Alma in the past. In the east both lines are highly regarded, and it is said that these are among the finest candies in the country.—Ad.

HOLD MEETING

Directors and Stockholders Held Meeting Saturday.

Last Saturday the stockholders and directors of the Gratiot County Gas company held a special meeting here to consider plans for the betterment of the service.

It was voted to make provisions for the installation of a third coal bent at the plant here and for the laying of considerable more gas mains. The improvements contemplated will cost the company in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The business of the Gratiot County Gas company has been growing with great rapidity, and have forced the stockholders and directors to take some action in regard to bettering the capacity of the plant and the laying of more mains.

GREAT BASKET BALL

TEAM THE PROSPECT

Alma College Has a Fine Collection
of Stars and a Crack
Team is Expected.

Now that football has gone into the discard, basketball is looming up as the big sport at Alma college and indications are the brightest in some years for a winning team.

Helmer had a few men out the first of the week practicing, but will not get down to hard work with his squad until next week, when the work will start in earnest. Right at the start interclass games will be played as has been the case in the past year. Through the medium of interclass games it is hoped that timber, which otherwise might not turn out for the team, will be found. The interclass games will be fought to determine the interclass champions.

Helmer has a fine lot of basketball men. That much is known right now. Captain Richards, Malcom Smith and French are still available from last year's team. Besides this talent, Hoolihan, the ex-Normalite, who is in the Alma camp holds a reputation as a class basketball ball man, and those who have seen the Mt. Pleasant lad in action in past years believe that he has a great chance to make a position on the quintet this season. "Dig" Gallagher, former Alma college star, is expected to be back in college for the rest of the season, and is good enough to be assured of a position on the five. Gallagher is one of the best basketball men Alma has ever had, and will greatly strengthen the Alma team, if he lives up to the reputation he has established here. Ed. Foote and Art Foote, both Grand Ledge lads, are good and should make a good scrap for the team. Besides these men are a number of others of class, who will make a hard fight for the team. Athletic Manager Melvin is busy arranging a schedule, which is expected to be completed soon. It will contain an attractive list of games that will be highly pleasing to the Alma fans, as it promises to give Alma the best list of home games in years in this sport. The M. I. A. A. champions, Kalamazoo college, M. A. C. and other strong teams will appear on the Alma court this year.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Mail Parcels Early, so as to Insure
Delivery for Xmas.

Postmaster V. P. Cash wishes to impress on the patrons of the post office the necessity of co-operating with the postal service to the fullest extent in preparing and mailing their Christmas packages, so that the work may be rushed along more satisfactorily, and also to insure more prompt deliveries.

In this connection the postmaster desires to impress the need of observing a few simple rules, which while simple, will greatly facilitate the work at the office during the rush of the holiday season, which is coming within a few short weeks.

It is desired first that all postage be fully prepaid on all parcels that are being shipped. Do not make it necessary to have a package held and a card sent, saying, "Held for Postage." Address all parcels fully and plainly, so that their proper destination may be told, with the least possible trouble. A little thought in this respect will save a great deal of valuable time for the post office employees. In this connection, also, do not fail to have the name and address of the sender on all parcels.

Pack articles carefully, and see that they are wrapped securely, so that they will not be damaged in shipping. It is also important that the packages are not sealed, as sealed packages are subject to first class rates. Your carelessness in this respect means money to you.

In order to relieve part of the late rush, just before Christmas, mail your packages early. It will insure their delivery before Christmas. They may be marked, "Do not open until Christmas." Be sure and insure valuable parcels.

Written inscriptions, such as Merry Christmas, Happy New Year or Best Wishes, etc., are permissible additions to parcel post mail.

Special attention is called to mail and money orders for foreign mail should be mailed December 1st. This mail is subject to delay, and December 1st, should be about the time that international mail for Christmas should be attended to.

Pay Before January 1, 1917

WE ARE more than pleased with the manner in which the patrons of The Record have responded to our call for a pay-up before January 1st. Hundreds have paid up from one to five years in advance. There are many more who should call that cannot afford to let this offer go by. Pay up your back subscription to January 1st, and in advance as far as you wish at \$1.00 per year. After that date the price will be \$1.50. To all subscribers outside of the county the price will be \$1.50 cash in advance, although they may take the same advantage and renew by paying up at \$1.00 in advance before January 1st, as far as they wish. Statements are being sent to outside county subscribers and we hope all will respond to the call.



Alma's 1916 Football Season Closes

Last Saturday the Alma college football team fell before the onslaught of the Notre Dame university football team, conquerors of M. A. C. by a score of 46 to 0, in a battle on a snow covered field.

The heavier, faster and more experienced Catholic eleven had it over Alma in every department of the game, and scored almost at will, except in the last quarter, when the Maroon and Cream braced and held the Indiana team scoreless.

The defense of the Hoosiers was great at all times and not once during the entire game could the Maroon and Cream cover the needed ten yards for a first down. Harper's machine was working in splendid form, and certainly is ready for its big battle with Nebraska.

The Maroon and Cream was, because of her failures to advance the ball, compelled to resort to a punting game throughout, and it was Alma's superior punting during the final quarter coupled with a much better defense that kept the Hoosiers from scoring during the last period.

The Catholics scored within the first three minutes of play, when Slackford went over from the ten-yard line on an off tackle play. Slackford crossed the goal three times during the first half and Miller trotted over once. Fitzpatrick, the former Alpena lad, scored twice in the third quarter and O'Hara once.

Playing against one of the strongest teams in the middle west, Alma did well to hold the score to 46. Just a week ago Notre Dame defeated M. A. C. by two touchdowns, rolling up a score of five points larger than the University of Michigan was able to do against the Farmers. This just gives a slight idea of how strong the Notre Dame team is this year, and shows that Alma was playing a team that had every right to score a big number of points, now, when it is in the height of condition.

The Alma men played hard throughout the entire game, and frequently held their superior opponents for downs, which aided greatly in keeping the score under a half hundred points.

Line-up and summary:
Notre Dame, 46 Pos. Alma, 0
Whipple L. E. A. Foote
Andrews L. T. Lott
Frantz L. G. Miller
Maddigan C. McAuley
Duggan R. G. Baribeau
Ward R. T. French
Phillips R. E. Richards
Truig Q. B. Hebert
Dorries L. H. Hoolihan
Slackford R. H. E. Foote
Fitzpatrick F. B. Fitch

Scoring touchdowns—Slackford 3, Fitzpatrick 2, Miller, O'Hara 2.
Goals from touchdowns—Phillips 2, Degree 2.
Time for quarters—12 and 10 minutes.
Referee—O'Donnell, Notre Dame.
Umpire—Cooper, Springfield Y. M. C. A.
Head linesman—Mooney, Notre Dame.

Review of the Season.

A review of the 1916 football season would not be complete without first showing that the season was not a failure, even though Alma failed

to win the Michigan Interscholastic championship.

There are two big reasons why. First, Kalamazoo college has a football team this year which is an exceptional team for the Michigan college circle, and it has been years since the M. I. A. A. has seen a team that could defeat the 1916 champions, with the lone exception of the all-star team that Alma put forth in 1912. Alma this year cannot compare with the exceptional team put forth by the champions.

Alma has a team that in an ordinary year would have won the championship. Alma was defeated by Albion that is true, but all observers still hold the belief that Alma has a better team than Albion, and should have defeated Albion by from three to five touchdowns. Comparative scores, throughout the M. I. A. A. will show that this belief, which has been held all year, is founded on something more tangible than hot air. That Alma didn't defeat Albion is football luck. Albion caught Alma on the one day, when she could turn the trick. Comparative scores, other than the one Albion game, show Alma to have been the best of any team, excepting Kalamazoo college. It has been a season when dope has run true to form. Right from the start, it was certain that Kalamazoo college was the one team to be beaten. Albion was not considered at all as a team that would be a serious contender. The beating that Kalamazoo gave Albion shows that this consideration of Albion was not far wrong, as Kalamazoo defeated Albion the worst of all the M. I. A. A. teams.

Starting the season, things looked good for Alma. Ypsi Normal was walloped 6 to 0, and by the way the only other defeat that Ypsi suffered was at the hands of Kalamazoo college. Ypsi was strong and known to be strong, making Alma's stock climb. At M. A. C. Alma held the Farmers 33 to 0, or seven points better than did Olivet. In past season M. A. C. had trimmed Alma far worse than Olivet, yet Alma managed to be a contender in the M. I. A. A. and give Olivet a good battle. It promised well for the Olivet game and dope held true to that extent again.

The Mt. Pleasant Normal, which had planned on defeating Alma was given two rude shocks, when Alma tumbled their hopes 42 to 0 and 40 to 0 in two games.

Alma went to Albion and dope had it that Alma would win. Hardly a person would credit the report that came back, Albion 20, Alma 10. The men on their returned acknowledged that they had played their poorest game and that ordinarily Alma would have won from this same Albion team. It seemed that M. I. A. A. dope had suffered a big upset. Rather was it that Alma was far off form on that one particular day. Everything else during the season goes to show that this was true that Alma was capable of defeating the team that took second in the race.

The M. A. C. Scrubs taken on in place of Adrian had a good team, but could not stand the pace with Alma's eleven, a week after the Albion game and they fell by a count of 27 to 7, before the terrific Alma onslaught. The fans who saw this game, and the Albion game wonder-

ed at the team. It was hard to believe that it was the same eleven.

Olivet followed the Scrubs, in Alma's big game of the season. Alma smashed through the Crimson defense for the first victory since 1912, winning 27 to 0. This was enough to insure a good season, had Alma not won another game. Many an old student was back for the battle and it did his heart good to see Alma's slashing attack in this game.

Kalamazoo came to Alma the following Saturday with her famous team, and defeating Alma by the smallest score of the season, they won the M. I. A. A. title. The officiating was not the best, but they have a better team. There is no question as to that. They have every right to the title, with their exceptional eleven.

Last Saturday Alma closed the season with Notre Dame. Badly defeated Alma fought hard, and turned a bad defeat into a creditable showing, when during the last period the Catholics could not score.

During the entire season Alma has scored 122 more points than have been scored against her, a far better record than any M. I. A. A. team can show, except the champions from Kalamazoo. Alma also has played the longest and hardest schedule of any team in the Michigan college circle. Only Alma and Olivet played M. A. C., and only Alma played Notre Dame, one of the finest teams in the middle west, a team that has been beaten once this year and that once by the Army eleven, rated as one of the best in the country.

The entire team has played a great game all year, and deserves all the credit that the students can give. Richards and A. Foote at the ends, French, Spooner and Lott at the tackles, Miller and Baribeau at the guards, McAuley at center, Smith and Hebert at quarter, and Captain Johnston, Fitch, Hoolihan, and Ed. Foote in the backfield are the men who have carried the heavy burden during the season.

Praise of the highest sort also should be given those hard working scrubs who have given their best to Alma during the season. Out night after night, week after week, fighting to make the Varsity team better, while many know that they could not make the team, these are men worthy of our best. They have done much to make the eleven what it was, and they go passing by, unnoticed, while the praises are given the team. Don't forget them. They are the team of tomorrow.

Our new Mentor, Coach Harry Helmer, is another to whom great credit should be given. He has worked hard and faithfully to turn out a winning team. He gave his best to the men under his charge. He has proven a success his first season back here at Alma, where he formerly starred on the team. He has had the eleven in better condition than in past years. Clean play has been his watchword. He has shown himself to be the one man of the type that Alma needs at the head of her athletic department. It might be mentioned that we believe him to be the best and cleanest of the coaches in the M. I. A. A., a man who will raise the standard of our athletics to the highest point. Whether Alma wins or loses, his teams will fight hard, but play clean.

POULTRY SHOW

Secure Large Room for Annual
Exhibition.

The officers of the Central Michigan Poultry association, which will be held in this city from December 28th to January 1st, inclusive, have just succeeded in obtaining suitable quarters for the coming event.

The Ford garage has been secured for the exhibiting room for the poultry show this year, and thus the association is assured of ample room in which to make proper display of the many exhibits that are expected to be here at that time. This will give the association a much greater floor space than they have had in the past.

It is expected that within another week the association will be able to announce the name of the judge and a list of the prizes for the coming show.

ALMA'S SCHOOL HOUSES

ARE BADLY CROWDED

School Board has Secured Room
in the City Hall to Use for
the Fourth Grade.

The rapid increase in attendance at the Alma public schools is constantly causing more and more surprise among those familiar with the conditions. At the present time there are over two hundred more students in the public schools than there were a year ago.

At the end of November 1915 the public schools had 925 pupils in the three buildings and on Monday night of this week the same three schools had an attendance of 1130 pupils, an increase of 205 pupils in one year. In October 1915 there were 890 pupils and at the end of October 1916 there were 1056, an increase of 66. This shows an increase for November of this year totaling 139 new students in the Alma public schools.

Such increases as this mean only one thing, and that is a new school house for Alma. A new school must come and come quickly if the now serious conditions are to be met with in the proper way.

The schools are even now so crowded that the large room in the city hall has been obtained for a new school room, which will be used from December 18th until the close of school in June. The fourth grade will use the city hall room for their room and a new teacher will be secured for this purpose. The position has been tendered to Miss Lucile Fleming, but as yet she has not accepted the offer.

On Monday of this week ten students again entered the public schools, six entering the Union school building, three the primary building and one entered high school. This is slightly above the average increase, but such increase simple pounds home the need of the school.

MILK HIGHER

Dealers Raise Prices Here a Cent a
Quart.

Some of the milk dealers, who are operating in this city have made a raise in the prices of their milk and have added a cent a quart to the price for the retail trade, so that it is now costing nine cents, where heretofore it has been costing eight cents.

Where only a pint of milk is taken a day the price also jumps a whole cent, going from four to five cents, this being the nearest point to the half of the nine cents. Where it is possible to keep milk over a day, people are going to find it cheaper to purchase a quart of milk every other day from now on, where they formerly purchased a pint a day. It will mean a saving of one cent every other day.

The majority of Alma dealers have already made the raise to nine cents and it is understood that the others are contemplating such a raise in their prices. Milk profits are not what they should be, evidently, owing to the high cost of feed.

FAREWELL SERMON

Capt. and Mrs. Lamont will hold their farewell meeting in the Army hall on Superior street next Sunday evening, December 3rd. Unforeseen obstacles have arisen since the announcement at the M. E. church last Sunday morning, so the meeting is changed to the Army hall.

This will be the second time that Capt. and Mrs. Lamont have said farewell to the Alma people, and wish to say here, that Alma, yes there is only one Alma, and heartily thank the people for their kindness, also for their help to them in a financial way.

Every one is most cordially invited to attend their last meeting, next Sunday evening, December 3rd.

AUCTION SALES

The following sales will be found in the Record this issue:

N. B. Collins

On Thursday, December 7th, at one o'clock at his farm one-half mile south of the Summer Center school house, consisting of stock and other articles.

F. C. Newcomb

On his farm one and one-half miles south of St. Louis and two miles east and one-half mile north of Alma, on Tuesday, December 8th, at 12:30 sharp. A quantity of stock, tools and feed.

MUNICIPAL BONDS FOUND WORTHLESS

Technicalities Found in the
Water and Sewer Bonds
City Had Voted.

ANOTHER ELECTION NEEDED

Council Passed Resolutions to
Rescind Former Bonds and
Make a Fresh Start.

It has been found that the \$60,000 water and the \$40,000 sewer bonds of the city of Alma, voted by the citizens at a special election, Aug. 29th, are illegal because of certain slight technicalities, which will of course necessitate a new election before the proposed water main and sewer extensions can be made.

It is expected that a new election will be called for as soon as possible, so that the work may be gotten under way as soon as possible. At a council meeting on Tuesday evening of this week the matter was taken up, and the former action in regard to the bonds rescinded.

The following resolutions offered and passed at the Tuesday evening council meeting tell the whole story:

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Alderman Ogden and supported by Alderman Lake. Whereas, at a special election, held on the 29th day of August, 1916, the qualified electors of the city of Alma, voted upon the issuance of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) water bonds and forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) sewer bonds of said city and

Whereas, it has been ascertained that the above bonds are illegal and void because of certain technicalities.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That all proceedings had by the city of Alma in the matter of the above bonds be and the same are hereby rescinded, and repealed.

The following preamble and resolutions were given a unanimous vote.

Whereas, this council has received from the Continental Commercial Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, Illinois, their offer (a copy of which is hereto attached and hereby made a part thereof) to purchase sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), Alma, Michigan water bonds, fully described in said offer, provided this council takes new proceedings to authorize the issuance of said sixty thousand dollars water bonds, said proceeding to be taken in a manner directed by the attorney of said bank, and the form of all proceedings to be furnished by said bank to this council.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That this council proceed to take new proceedings to authorize the issuance of the above bonds;

Be it Further Resolved That the above offer of said Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank be and the same is hereby accepted by this council.

Be it Further Resolved that the city clerk forthwith deliver a certified copy of this resolution to said bank.

Be it Further Resolved That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, in so far as they conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby rescinded and repealed.

This resolution was also accorded a unanimous vote, as was another following, which was the same as the one on the water bonds, except that it read sewer bonds, and the amount of money was given at \$40,000 instead of \$60,000.

DATE IS SET

Mary Antin Coming Here Next
February.

The postponed date for the Mary Antin engagement has been finally settled and this talented woman will appear in Alma, February 23rd, 1917, to keep the engagement made for her here by the lyceum committee.

It was a great disappointment when her early engagement here was postponed, as the fame of the author of "The Promised Land" has attracted great attention to her, far and wide, while her many lectures are only increasing the fame, which she is gathering. She will come to Alma with a mission and will leave this city with one step more in her mission completed. Her message will have been left to a few hundred more people.

FORMER ALMA GIRL MARRIED

The marriage of Miss Fredia Holtzhauser and Alexander Filbert was solemnized Monday evening at Salem Lutheran church. Rev. T. G. Hahn officiated in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The young people were attended by Charles Wietzke and Miss Sarah Coakes both of this city. Prof. Wm. Rudow rendered Lohengrin's bridal chorus.

Following the ceremony the bridal party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Osborne on North Ball street, where a wedding supper was served.

Both young people are popular among a wide circle of friends. They will make their home for the present with the bride's sister, Mrs. Geo. Osborne. Friends extend congratulations. —Owosso Times.